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- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449 and References Cited
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF  
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

**PART II: Compliance with 37 CFR §1.704(d)**

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this

communication was not received by the office of the undersigned more than 30 days prior to filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART III: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report from a corresponding International or Foreign National Application.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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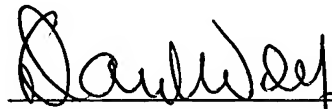
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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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#### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner's Initials	Cite No.	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication or of issue of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY
		Number	Kind Code		
	A1	4,902,543	A	Ernst	02-20-1990
	A2	5,377,254	A	Walling	12-27-1994
	A3	6,468,611	B1	Haskin	10-22-2002

#### FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	B1	WO	02/19031	A1	Hansen, Knut, Magne	03-07-2002	
	B2	EP	0 500 208	A2	Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.	08-26-1992	
	B3	EP	1 102 118	A1	Eastman Kodak Company	05-23-2001	

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